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For: APPARATUS FOR BLOCKING AND/OR SEALING OFF A LINE

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Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified application amended as follows:

**FEE CALCULATION**  X   No Additional Fee is Required

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

       If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. OF CLAIMS	PER THIS RESPONSE	PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	ADD'L CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT DUE
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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.

☐ If checked, an amended abstract is submitted herewith.

☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.

☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.